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- 1. EMBASSY INSTRUCTED TO INDICATE TO STOKKA THAT THE USG RETAINS ITS POLICY CONCERNING VESSELS CALLING ON NORTH VIETNAM AS FOLLOWS:
- 2. ALTHOUGH VESSEL CALLING AT NVN PORT WOULD BE PERMITTED TO CALL AT US PORT FOLLOWING VOYAGE TO NVN, BUNKERING AT US PORTS, UNDER GENERAL LICENSE, OF ANY VESSEL WHICH HAS CALLED AT NORTH VIETNAMESE PORTS WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 180 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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371.9(B)1).

3. THE ADDITIONAL ASPECTS OF U.S. MARITIME POLICY REGARDING NVN ALSO APPLY. TO WIT:

BUNKERING BY FACILITIES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES OWNED BY US NATIONALS -- FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS PROHIBIT

ALL UNLICENSED TRANSACTIONS WITH NORTH VIETNAM OR ITS NATIONALS. THUS, NO VESSEL, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONTROLLED OR UNDER CHARTER TO NORTH VIETNAM, MAY BE BUNKERED BY ANY FACILITY OWNED BY US NATIONALS IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY. FREE WORLD, USSR, PRC AND EASTERN EUROPEAN FLAG VESSELS WHICH ARE BOUND TO AND FROM NORTH VIETNAM WITHIN ONE MONTH MAY NOT BE BUNKERED AT FACILITIES OWNED BY US NATIONALS IN PACIFIC AND INDIAN OCEAN PORTS WITHOUT SPECIFIC AUTHORIZATION.

SECTION 620(N) OF THE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1961 PROHIBITS PL 480 SALES TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH SELLS OR FURNISHES GOODS TO NORTH VIETNAM OR WHICH PERMITS SHIPS UNDER ITS REGISTRY TO CARRY GOODS TO NORTH VIETNAM SO LONG AS THE NORTH VIETNAMESE REGIME GIVES SUPPORT TO HOSTILITIES IN SOUTH VIETNAM.

SECTION 103(D)(3) OF THE AGRICULTURAL TRADE DEVELOPMENT AND ASSISTANCE ACT OF 1954, PROHIBITS TITLE I PL 480 SALES TO COUNTRIES WHICH PERMIT THEIR SHIPS TO CARRY GOODS TO NORTH VIETNAM.

4. DUE TO NATURE OF INSTRUCTIONS NOTED ABOVE (TO WIT: CONCERNING GON AS WELL AS VESSEL AND VESSEL OWNER) DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT STOKKA CONSULT WITH NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MAKING DECISION. THE DEPARTMENT IS SURE THAT GON WOULD WANT TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IMPACT THAT SUCH A CALL BY ONE OF ITS FLAG VESSELS ON NORTH VIETNAM WOULD HAVE ON ITS SHIPPING RELATIONSHIP WITH THE USG. KISSINGER

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